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Ed Hagemeyer

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

Do you thirst for God? That was the question posed in the sermon given on 2/24/08. As a body of believers we must continually ask ourselves just how much of God do we want in our lives? A wise man once said that at times Christians couldn't stand too much prosperity in their lives, as they tend to stray from God and the things of God when they have everything their way. That is not to say that we should not make plans for our life concerning our education, job choices, and etc., but rather not take for granted that all times of blessing to develop a new thirst for God and His Word. Having a better understanding of who He is should develop within us a new thirst for Him and His righteousness.

I covet your prayers as I make the transition from interim pastor to full time pastor at Bethel. It is my prayer that Bethel is the lighthouse that God wants and needs in the North Knox area. May we all know Christ and make Christ known as we work together for His kingdom.

In His Service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16



Notes of Thanks

Thank you to Reda Boberg, Betty Tilly, and Wilma Strange for helping assemble the Chimes last month. News for May Chimes will be due on April 21.

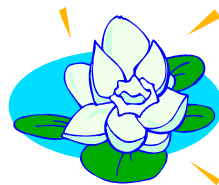
My family and I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards for the passing of my grandmother.

In Christian love,
Scott Page and family

Thank you to everyone for the food, cards, and prayers given during my recent surgery. Also, thank you to Pastor Mike and Virginia Koenig for their visits.

-Chris Johanningsmeier

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Memorials

In memory of Laura Miller

Memorial Fund:

*Laverne and Betty Tilly
Chuck Borgmeier
Bob and Betty Miller
Bruce and Terri Miller
Dale and Jane Tiek
Max and ReeAnn Volle
Tom and Joyce Kixmiller
Dallas and Shirley Miller
Joe and Anita Malone
Kevin & Linda Hammelman
Mary Gollnick
John & Janice Holka
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Dorothy Spanger
Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier
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John and Jan Spanger
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Frank & Lenora McCrary
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Scholarship Fund:

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Cemetery Trust Fund:

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Terry and Gayle Perkins*

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Bethel Preschool:

*Jim and Linda Chattin
Bruce and Terri Miller
Rowe & Maridell Sargent
Carolyn Allen*

*Bethel Choir
Mary Ann Miller
Andy and Andrea Miller
Stephen and Elizabeth Holka*

Organ Fund:

Gertrude Hagemeyer

Building Fund:

Steve and Debbie Telligman



Bethel Prayer Chain



The new calling list is going out this week. We really thank the new folks who said they would be part of the Prayer Chain. Anyone that is interested can join us at any time-we will just add you to one of the lists.

“Always be joyful. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”

-1 Thessalonian 5:16-18

Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2008:

March/April	Preschool
May/June	Mission Committee
July/August	Christian Partners
September/October	Mustard Seed
November/December	Faithful Families

Sunday School News

The year is really slipping by. The end of February is near and we are in the season of Lent. We all need to prepare our hearts for the season. We need to spend more time in God's Holy Word and on our knees. We need to really think about the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for each one of us. We truly serve an awesome God and we should tell Him that every day.

Sunday School is a special time of sharing God's Word. It is a time when we can actively participate. The lessons learned in Sunday School help us to live as Jesus is calling us. Think of what a blessing Sunday School has been in your life. If you are a regular in Sunday School won't you think about someone you could invite? If you used to come to Sunday School but have gotten out of the habit won't you consider coming back? We miss you and would love to see you. If you've never come and aren't sure where you fit please call me and we will find the best class for you. Sunday School – it's good for you!



Dale Tiek
SS Superintendent

Junior Department/Junior High Sunday School

Congratulations to one of our members, Bridget Brocksmith, on winning the regional Elk's Hoop Shoot! We are wishing you well on the 23rd as you go to state competition!

We love the stories of Jesus! His life was a lesson to us all. He is the perfect example of a life lived with love! When we study His life we see how much we need to change and how much we need God to help us be all that He is calling us to be!



We are praying that your Lenten season will be a time of drawing closer to God. Happy Easter!

Christian Partners Sunday school Class

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

(Romans 12:6-8)

The above scripture seems to describe a person who has meant so much to our Christian Partners Sunday school class.

We want to say “Thank you” to Darwin Emmel for his many years of teaching our class each and every month. He has such knowledge of the Bible and is so very dedicated-We are certainly going to miss him and we wish him well. He and Patty have sold their home in Freelandville and have purchased a home in Vincennes.

Patty has been a patient at Deaconness Hospital and is now at BridgePointe. We hope she will be able to get to their new residence very soon. Again, we all say thanks. Come back to Bethel anytime and often. You two will always be part of our class.



May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Visions of Spring



For, lo! The winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

--The Song of Solomon 2:11,12

BETHEL PRESCHOOL

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

Snow, ice, wind-we just never know what will call school off. We are praying for calm weather so we don't have to "stay at home"(according to one little boy-home isn't any fun when he can't see his friends). We prayed and gave thanks that God always protects us.

My a.m. class has only met 5 times since my last article. We will make up for lost time. We haven't even got to celebrate God's love with our Valentine Party yet. I'm sure we will all be so rowdy by the time we make it back to school.

We had Miss Cinnamon Mann, a student at UE, here with us for a few weeks observing and helping out. She was wonderful and missed now by all. We wish her luck at school.

We talked about how God wants us to take care of nature for him and examples of how we can do that. We each made a feeder for birds with peanut butter and bird seed. I'm not sure if we had more fun eating peanut butter from a spoon or playing in bird seed. One little girl said, "Just seven birds ate her food." I was excited birds actually ate our art work and told her she did well feeding God's creatures. She just wanted to feed 1,000 birds and was very sorry looking when she told me.



We made an obstacle course one day and told how God puts things in our way and we think we can't do it. But if we ask God for help, we will complete the obstacles in life. Some wanted an obstacle course for several days. I reassured them we could find other things to do.

We also talked about obeying God's word. One way to do that is to obey our parents-something we should do everyday. One little girl explained that she obeys everyday. When I said I hope that is the truth for all of us, she replied, "Okay, just maybe once a week." All her friends laughed like they really understood her joke.

We are working hard on our colors, counting shapes, and writing our names. One little boy tells me daily- "no papers, we already know everything".

We talked about praising God daily. One little girl said she has to sing very loud because she wants God to hear her praise but it's hard when the sky is so high. I explained that God is in our hearts and hears

us even when we whisper. She agreed but then added, “Well, I want the angels to hear, also.”

They all are so sweet and cute. We are working hard on new songs for Dad. Donuts with Dad is now March 1. Only one week later but to some of my excited preschoolers it seems like years.

Our thoughts and prayers go with Emma and her family on the lost of Great-Grandma Miller.

Have a blessed month.

-Beth Durall



Hands and Feet of Jesus Ministry

The Hands and Feet of Jesus is still doing well and delivering meals to those in need of our services. I do need help in knowing of people returning from hospital stays or just an illness they are dealing with.

Remember, also, that this service is not only for members of our church but anyone in the community. We are also grateful for the ones that take meals or cookies or just visit people on their own. This is really a caring church and it is shown in many ways.

Please help me to be able to offer a hand to people as soon as possible by calling me or just leaving a message.

Thanks again for all your help.

-Chris Horst

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Historical Committee

The Historical Committee thanks all who purchased calendars. We have had a number of favorable comments about them. If anyone has suggestions for future calendars, please let us know.

We are pursuing plans for the Baptismal Record Book. More information will be coming soon.



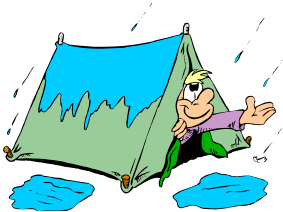
We would welcome new members if anyone would be interested in joining our group.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be sharing our 2008 projects with you soon. Rowe and Patrick Sargent (along with a group of Fellowship of Christian Farmers) spent one week in Jamaica helping build a church for Pastor Linton. They took \$500 to help pay for building materials.

(The Fellowship of Christian Farmers finished building a beautiful church for Pastor Leroy last year. He had been holding services under a tent that leaked.)

-Maridell Sargent



North Knox Social Ministries

We are always in need of grocery items-we have refrigerators and freezers, so we can use anything you might have to give us. The food pantry is always in need of grocery staples and those items we need that people can't buy with food stamps-like toilet paper, soap and toothpaste, etc. and diapers. Thank you for all the things you have given.



Women's Guild

The Guild meeting for March will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at 1:30pm. Reda Boberg is in charge of the program and Marj Linneweber is in charge of the extra feature. Hostesses are Mary Deerhake and Beverly Shuckman.

The Women's Guild will host a Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, March 15 at 9am. Paul Gettinger of Merom will be speaking. Everyone is invited and welcome to come hear him speak and enjoy a wonderful breakfast.



-Helen Harbin

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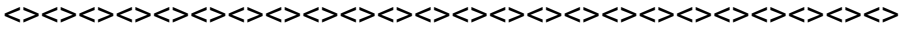
The House by the Side of the Road

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by-
The men who are good and the men
who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.



-Sam Walter Foss



Parish Records:

Deaths:

Laura Miller, age 102, passed away on Tuesday, February 12. Service was held on Friday, February 15 at Bethel church with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Eva Rinsch, age 89, passed away on Saturday, February 16. Service was held on Tuesday, February 19 at Bethel church with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

New Members:

Charles and Evaline Johanningsmeier have transferred membership to Bethel Church.

Attendance:

Jan.	27	171
Feb.	3	158
	10	139
	17	138

Ushers:

March-Tim and Tonya Miller
March 16-Youth

Nursery Notes:

March	2	Stacey Page
	9	Andrea Miller
	16	Kelci Anderson
	23	Brenda Maddox
	30	Beth Durall

Greeters:

February 24 and March 2-
Kevin & Linda Hammelman
March 9 and 16-
Randy & Ramona Hammelman
March 23 and 30-
Marvin and Mary Deerhake

Children's Church:

March	2	Brenda Maddox/Kim Anderson/Chris Horst
	9	Joann Brocksmith/Kelci Anderson/Bonnie Organ
	16	Ramona Hammelman/Liberty Lemborg/Chris Horst
	23	Cally Miller/Emily Telligman/Nancy Tilly
	30	Micah Bowman/Patrick Sargent/Chris Horst

Happy March Birthday to:

March	4	Anna Mae Koenig-(Happy 83 rd birthday)
	13	Ernie Bubenzer-(Happy 94 th birthday)
	17	Louise Rinsch-(Happy 97 th birthday)
	20	Jack Perkins-(Happy 8 ^{3rd} birthday)



Church Council Meeting

February 11, 2008

Virginia Koenig opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's report-Pastor Mike made 15 home visits, assisted 21 others seeking counsel, and attended the All Pro Dads meeting. He also continues with confirmation classes, counseling at East Elementary, worship at FCH, and also conducted the Ash Wednesday service.

Secretary's report-approved as written

Treasurer's report-reviewed and approved

Deacon's report-reviewed and approved

Elder's report-The Elders are working on talks about the importance of prayer which they will give at different times to each of the adult and children's Sunday school classes.

Old Business:

Insurance-Rates from different insurance companies were compared and after some negotiation it was decided to stay with Church Mutual.

New Business:

Committees-Council representatives were assigned for the different committees.

Lent schedule-Richard Crabtree is scheduled to speak on Feb. 13, Circle of Friends on Feb. 20, Campus Ministries from Vincennes University on Feb. 27, and John McClure on March 5.

Confirmation-Confirmation preparations were discussed. There will be two confirmands on Palm Sunday, March 16.

Van Usage-A request was made by a church member to use the church van for personal use. The request was denied due to possible liability issues.

Preschool-Debbie Telligman announced that all classes are full for next year. Also, the next board meeting is set for Wednesday, February 20 from 6:30-7pm.

All Pro Dad-Plans are going well. The first breakfast is set for Saturday, March 8 at the Freelandville Community Center. A freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost of the breakfast. An ad will be placed in the Vincennes newspaper and flyers will be passed out at the elementary schools. Plans were also considered for having t-shirts created for participants to be given out as door prizes.

Cemetery Trust-Plans are going well.

Upcoming Events:

Congregational meeting-Sunday, February 17, a congregational meeting is set for after worship service to vote on hiring Pastor Mike as full-time pastor.

Appreciation Dinner-The dinner for council members is set for Saturday, March 1 at 6pm at McKinley's in Oaktown.

Confirmation Reunion-Confirmation of the new confirmands is set for Sunday morning, Palm Sunday, March 16. The confirmation reunion will be that evening at 7pm.

Freelandville Festival-Freelandville will be hosting a festival on Saturday, October 4. They are asking the neighboring churches to participate in the festivities.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Strength vs. Courage

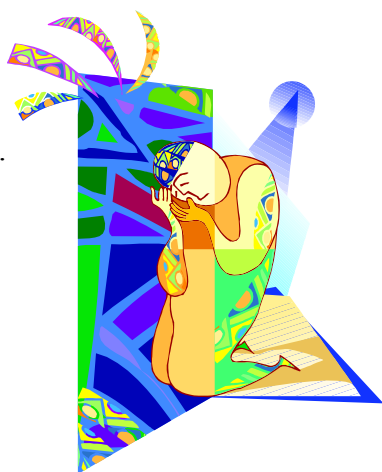
It takes strength to be firm
It takes courage to be gentle

It takes strength to stand guard.
It takes courage to let down your guard.

It takes strength to conquer.
It takes courage to surrender.

It takes strength to be certain.
It takes courage to have doubt.

It takes strength to fit in.
It takes courage to stand out.



It takes strength to feel a friend's pain.
It takes courage to feel your own pain.

It takes strength to hide feelings.
It takes courage to show them.

It takes strength to endure abuse.
It takes courage to stop it.

It takes strength to stand alone.
It takes courage to lean on another.

It takes strength to love.
It takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive.
It takes courage to live.



March 2008

Bethel
Chimes

Bethel Church
Freelandville, Indiana

Confirmation Reunion-Sunday, March 16, 2008

This is a time we reflect back to our confirmation and what being a member of Bethel is all about. All Bethel Confirmands are recognized along with those who joined Bethel by letter of transfer or by Confession or Affirmation of Faith honoring the classes of 1933, 1958, and 1983.

*Denotes those who are deceased

75 Year Class-April 9, 1933-Rev. D. Bierbaum

“Take Time to Be Holy”

*Rosina “Backs” Cornish	Wilma “Hagemeier” Chester
*Marie Borgmeier	*Anna Mae “Richter” McCord
Dorothy “Held” Pitts	*Tillie “Krueger” Schultz
*Ruth “Heidenreich” Spangle	*Ruth “Grabbe” Bubenzer
*William Pielemeier	*Vernon Pieper
Arnold Volle	Harold Wagner
*Ruth “Johanningsmeier” Hotes	

50 Year Class-March 30, 1958-Rev. Paul W. Lammers

“Oh Jesus I Have Promised”

Mary Ann “Berger” Miller	Nancy “Brocksmitth” Wilson
Joan “Stoelting” Morley	Cecilia “Kirchoff” Mathews
Herbert Kixmiller, Jr.	Joe Buescher
Charles Meyer	John R. Koenig
Bruce Miller	Marvin Richter
Gus Ann “Bubenzer” Spelbring	
*Roberta Sue “Dotson” Gadberry	

25 Year Class-March 27, 1983-Rev. Marvin Deerhake

“In My Heart There Rings A Melody”

Sheena “Alford” Cobb	Jeremy Boberg
Brian Held	Darrin Hollingsworth
Troy McCrary	Jeanine “McMillin” Stewart

March 16, 2008-Pastor Mike DeCoursey

“You Are My Hiding Place”

Barron Brocksmitth

Jordan Buescher

Little Boys in Church

Small boys in the church pews grow
very fast, the first you know
ones only halfway up are older
and at their father's cheek or shoulder.

One day they are only bright
heads that in the high church light
look as if they were washed in dew,
their ears and hair are all so new.

This Sunday only heads that dance,
next Sunday heads and coats and pants,
all the boys have sprung uphill,
heads are erect, and ears stand still.

One week they are boys, and then
next week they are slim young men
standing very still and lean,
perilously scrubbed and clean.

Enjoy each small boy while you can,
tomorrow there will be a man
standing taller than belief,
little boys in church are brief.

-Robert P. Tristram Coffin



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